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SUBJ: AN EXTERNAL "TRIUMPH" AND AN INTERNAL REBUFF
FOR BOPHUTHATSWANA

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1. SUMMARY: JULY 18 PRESS REPORTED THAT SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM BOPHUTHATSWANA LAST MONTH AND HAD DISCUSSED THAT HOMELAND'S PENDING INDEPENDENCE. MEANWHILE, A JULY 17 MEETING OF ELEVEN ANTI-SAG BLACK GROUPS ORGANIZED BY THE BPC CONDEMNED THE HOMELANDS POLICY AND CALLED FOR A MOBILIZATION OF OPINION AGAINST IT. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE JULY 18 RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED THAT A THREE-MAN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM BOPHUTHATSWANA HEADED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH T. M. MOLATHWA HAD MET IN SENEGAL FOR ABOUT AN HOUR WITH SENEGALESE PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR TO DISCUSS "MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST." CHARACTERIZING THE MEETING AS A "TRIUMPH" FOR BOPHUTHATSWANA, THE ARTICLE SPECULATED THAT

THEY HAD DISCUSSED THAT HOMELAND'S IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE AND ITS STRUGGLE FOR BETTER INDEPENDENCE TERMS ON THE LAND AND CITIZENSHIP ISSUES. PRESUMABLY, THE ARTICLE IMPLIED, THE BOPHUTHATSWANA DELEGATION, IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE OSTRACISM TRANSKEI IS EXPERIENCING, HOPED TO SECURE RECOGNITION BY SENEGAL AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

3. IN A MOVE WHICH CAN ONLY HARDEN EXTERNAL AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO THE HOMELANDS POLICY, THE BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) ORGANIZED A MEETING OF TEN BLACK GROUPS IN HAMMANSKRAAL JULY 17 TO CONDEMN THAT POLICY AND TO MOBILIZE BLACK OPINION AGAINST IT. RESOLVING THAT "ANY DECISION OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE LIKE THE BALKANIZATION OF THE COUNTRY CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT BY THE STATE IF EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE WHOLE AZANIAN NATION," THE MEETING DECLARED THAT THE WHITE SAG'S DECISION TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO HOMELANDS WAS INVALID. HOMELANDS, IT SAID, WERE MERELY AN EXTENSION OF THE POLICY OF DIVIDE AND RULE DESIGNED TO MISDIRECT THE PEOPLE'S CREATIVE ENERGIES AWAY FROM THEIR TRUE LIBERATION AS SOUTH AFRICANS. BLACK LABOR, THE GROUP DECLARED, WAS THE SOURCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WEALTH, AND AS A RESULT BLACKS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE THE PRODUCE OF THEIR LABOR TOGETHER WITH OTHER SOUTH AFRICANS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MEETING CALLED FOR A MOBILIZATION OF BLACK OPINION "TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR REJECTION OF BANTUSTAN (HOMELAND) INDEPENDENCE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE."

4. MEANWHILE, ON THE SAME DAY, BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE'S CAR WAS STONED BY BLACK YOUTHS IN POTCHEFSTROOM AFTER HE MADE A SPEECH IN IKAHENG TOWNSHIP (SEPTTEL).

5. FOR DAKAR: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THE ALLEGED MEETING BETWEEN THE BOPHUTHATSWANA DELEGATION AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR. BOWDLER

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